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# Statues of Abraham Lincoln

Alfonzo Pelzer  
Detroit, Michigan

Excerpts from newspapers and other  
sources

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#### THE MANSHIP MEDALLIONS

*The Manship medallions on the stone pedestal of the statue "Abraham Lincoln The Hoosier Youth" represent four outstanding traits of Abraham Lincoln's character: Charity, Fortitude, Justice and Patriotism.*

Madison, Wis.—University Administration Bldg., 21.  
 Manchester, England—Platt Field Park, 41.  
 Manchester, N. H.—Central High School, 22.  
 Milwaukee, Wis. — Lincoln Memorial Bridge, 62.  
 Minneapolis, Minn.—Grand Army Circle of Victory Memorial Drive, 54.  
 Muskegon, Mich.—Public Square, 11.  
 Newark, N. J.—Essex County Court House, 23.  
 New Salem, Ill.—New Salem State Park, 75.  
 New York, N. Y.—Union Square, 2. 133rd St. & Madison Ave., 74.  
 Omaha, Neb.—Lincoln School, 18.  
 Pana, Ill.—Rosamond Grove Cemetery (Rosamond, Ill.), 15.  
 Philadelphia, Pa.—Fairmount Park, 3. Union League Club (interior), 35.  
 Portland, Ore.—Masonic Temple Park, 51.  
 Racine, Wis.—Lincoln School, 47.

Ripon, Wis.—Ripon College Campus, 67.  
 Rochester, N. Y.—Washington Square, 8.  
 San Francisco, Calif.—City Hall, 50.  
 Spokane, Wash.—Maine & Monroe Sts., 55.  
 Springfield, Ill.—Oak Ridge Cemetery, 4. Illinois State Capitol, 38.  
 Tacoma, Wash.—Lincoln High School, 30.  
 Topeka, Kans.—State House grounds, 36.  
 Urbana, Ill.—Carle Park, 49.  
 Wabash, Ind.—Wabash County Court House grounds, 60.  
 Washington, D. C.—Lincoln Park, 5. Interior Building, 69. Fort Lincoln Cemetery, Md., 70.  
 Webster City, Iowa—Lincoln High School, 28.  
 Wilkesburg, Pa.—On Route 27 (junction of Wm. Penn Highway & Lincoln Highway), 33.  
 Wooster, Ohio—Campus, College of Wooster, (Presently in storage), 32.  
 Yonkers, N. Y.—McLean Ave. & South Broadway, 53.

**Lincoln National Life Foundation, Fort Wayne, Indiana**

## Heroic Lincoln Statues in Bronze



#### ABRAHAM LINCOLN THE HOOSIER YOUTH

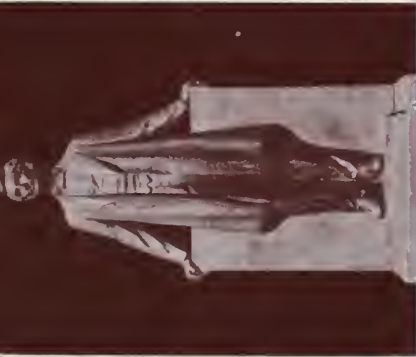
*This statue by Paul Manship was dedicated on September 16, 1932 in the plaza of the home office building of The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company of Fort Wayne, Indiana.*

*The statue rises on its pedestal twenty-two feet above the sidewalk level. The figure of Lincoln itself is twelve feet and six inches high. The granite base, pedestal and bronze statue altogether weigh eighty tons.*





*Lincoln—The Soldier*  
(Crunelle)



*Lincoln—The Young Lawyer*  
(Taft)



*Lincoln—The President-Elect*  
(O'Connor)

## HEROIC LINCOLN STATUES IN BRONZE

### NUMERICAL LIST—DATE OF DEDICATION, SCULPTOR AND PLACE

1. 1869 Brown—Brooklyn, N. Y.
2. 1870 Brown—New York, N. Y.
3. 1871 Rogers, R.—Philadelphia, Pa.
4. 1874 Mead—Springfield, Ill.
5. 1876 Ball—Washington, D. C.
6. 1879 Ball—Boston, Mass.
7. 1887 St. Gaudens—Lincoln Park, Chicago, Ill.
8. 1892 Volk—Rochester, N. Y.
9. 1893 Bissell—Edinburgh, Scotland.
10. 1898 Pelzer—Lincoln, N. J.
11. 1900 Niehaus—Muskegon, Mich.
12. 1902 Niehaus—Buffalo, N. Y.
13. 1902 Hastings—Cincinnati, Ohio.
14. 1903 Bissell—Clermont, Iowa.
15. 1903 Mulligan—Pana, Ill.
16. 1904 Hastings—Bunker Hill, Ill.
17. 1905 Mulligan—Chicago, Ill.
18. 1908 Zelezny—Omaha, Neb.
19. 1909 Niehaus—Kenosha, Wis.
20. 1909 Weinman—Hodgenville, Ky.
21. 1909 Weinman—Madison, Wis.
22. 1910 Rogers, T.—Manchester, N. H.
23. 1911 Borglum—Newark, N. J.
24. 1911 Elwell—East Orange, N. J.
25. 1911 Mulligan—Chicago, Ill.
26. 1911 Weinman—Frankfort, Ky.
27. 1912 French—Lincoln, Neb.
28. 1913 Ganiere—Webster City, Iowa.
29. 1913 Ganiere—Burlington, Wis.
30. 1913 Schweizer—Gettysburg, Pa.
31. 1915 Pelzer—Boise, Idaho.
32. 1915 Pelzer—Wooster, Ohio.
33. 1916 Pelzer—Wilkinsburg, Pa.
34. 1917 Barnard—Cincinnati, Ohio.
35. 1917 Schweizer—Philadelphia, Pa.
36. 1918 Gage—Topeka, Kansas.
37. 1918 Hastings—Jefferson, Iowa.
38. 1918 O'Connor—Springfield, Ill.
39. 1918 Lewis—Tacoma, Wash.
40. 1919 Pelzer—Detroit Mich.†
41. 1919 Barnard—Manchester, England.
42. 1919 Pelzer—Detroit, Mich.
43. 1920 St. Gaudens—London, England.
44. 1921 Pelzer—Fremont, Neb.
45. 1922 Barnard—Louisville, Ky.
46. 1924 Rebeck—Alliance, Ohio.
47. 1924 Van den Bergen—Racine, Wis.
48. 1926 St. Gaudens—Grant Park, Chicago, Ill.
49. 1927 Taft—Urbana, Ill.
50. 1928 Patigian—San Francisco, Calif.
51. 1928 Waters—Portland, Ore.
52. 1929 Crunelle—Freeport, Ill.
53. 1929 Konti—Yonkers, N. Y.
54. 1930 Bachman—Minneapolis, Minn.
55. 1930 Lewis—Spokane, Wash.
56. 1930 Crunelle—Dixon, Ill.
57. 1930 Fraser—Jersey City, N. J.
58. 1931 Kalish—Cleveland, Ohio.
59. 1931 Van den Bergen—Clinton, Ill.
60. 1932 Keck—Wabash, Ind.
61. 1932 Manship—Fort Wayne, Ind.
62. 1934 Cecere—Milwaukee, Wis.
63. 1935 Hering—Indianapolis, Ind.
64. 1935 Baker—Buffalo, N. Y.
65. 1938 Walker—Lawrence Co., Ill.
66. 1939 Keck—Hingham, Mass.

67. 1939 Shaler—Ripon, Wis.
68. 1939 Hunt—Bennington, Vt.
69. 1939 Slobodkin—Washington, D. C.
70. 1944 Fairbanks—Honolulu, T. D.
71. 1946 Lovet-Lorski—Decatur, Ill.
72. 1947 O'Connor—Washington, D. C.\*
73. 1948 Torrey—Decatur, Ill.
74. 1949 Keck—New York, N. Y.
75. 1954 Fairbanks—New Salem, Ill.
76. 1956 Fairbanks—Chicago, Ill.
- †Removed to Waterford, Mich. and later to Brighton, Mich.
- \*Cast in 1930 for Rhode Island State House grounds but never delivered.

### LOCATION BY CITIES AND TOWNS

- Alliance, Ohio—City Square, 46.  
 Bennington, Vt.—Historical Museum, 68.  
 Boise, Idaho—Idaho Soldiers' Home, 31.  
 Boston, Mass.—Public Square, 6.  
 Brighton, Mich.—(Originally at Detroit, Mich., removed to Waterford, Mich. and later to Brighton, Mich.), 40.  
 Brooklyn, N. Y.—Prospect Park, 1.  
 Buffalo, N. Y.—Buffalo Historical Bldg. (interior), 12. Delaware Park, 64.  
 Bunker Hill, Ill.—Center of Town, 16.  
 Burlington, Wis.—Lincoln School, 29.  
 Chicago, Ill.—Lincoln Park, 7. Oak Woods Cemetery 17. Garfield Park, 25. Grant Park, 48. Lincoln-Lawrence-Western Aves., 76.  
 Cincinnati, Ohio—Avondale School, 13. Lytle Park, 33.  
 Clermont, Iowa—City Park, 14.  
 Cleveland, Ohio—City Administration Bldg., 58.  
 Clinton, Ill.—DeWitt County Court House grounds, 59.  
 Decatur, Ill.—County Bldg., 71. Millikin University Campus, 73.  
 †Detroit, Mich.—Grounds of Lincoln Motor Co., 42.  
 Dixon, Ill.—Site of old Dixon Block House, 56.  
 East Orange, N. J.—North Oraton Pkwy. & New St., 24.  
 Edinburgh, Scotland—Carlton Burial Ground, 9.  
 Fort Wayne, Ind.—Plaza Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., 61.  
 Frankfort, Ky.—State Capitol (interior), 26.  
 Freeport, Ill.—Taylor Park, 52.  
 Fremont, Neb.—City Park, 44.  
 Gettysburg, Pa.—Pennsylvania State Memorial, 30.  
 Hingham, Mass.—Fountain Square, 66.  
 Hodgenville, Ky.—Court House Square, 20.  
 Honolulu, T. H.—Ewa Plantation School, 70.  
 Indianapolis, Ind.—University Park, 63.  
 Jefferson, Iowa—Green County Court House, 37.  
 Jersey City, N. J.—Lincoln Park, 57.  
 Kenosha, Wis.—Library Park, 19.  
 Lawrence County, Ill.—At west end of Bridge crossing Wabash River at Vincennes, Ind., 65.  
 Lincoln, Neb.—Capitol grounds, 27.  
 Lincoln, N. J.—Lincoln Blvd. Park, 10.  
 London, England—Parliament Square, 43.  
 Louisville, Ky.—Louisville Public Library, 45.

**X Moved from Warren & Livernois to lawn behind the Downtown Library at Gratiot & Farmer Sts. - April 17, 1958.**

*The Meditative Lincoln*  
(French)

*The Friendly Lincoln*  
(Borglum)

*Lincoln of the Second Inauguration*  
(Weinman)





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Belgian wheat meal





Life size statue of Lincoln  
at Lincoln Motor Company, Detroit, Mich.  
unveiled. February 22, 1919







# THE LINCOLNIAN

Vol. I

FEBRUARY, 1919

No. 4

## Lincolnians Unveil Detroit's First Lincoln Statue

AT eleven o'clock at night of Thursday, February 13, Lincolnians unveiled Detroit's only statue of Abraham Lincoln, which now stands on a block of Barre granite on the lawn in front of the Administration Building. After the most inclement night of the season, the moon broke through the clouds to lend a touch of mystery and grandeur to this closing scene of an evening devoted to the memory of the greatest American leader.

Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, the orator of the evening, spoke briefly at the foot of the monument. Then as the lines were released by Wilfred C. Leland, Jr., and the folds of the flag fell away, the Lincolnians joined in singing "America."

There was a splendor, a majesty to this unveiling at night that no daylight ceremony could have approached. As amidst the assembled Lincolnians, directors, leaders, laborers, in America's industrial war for Democracy, the Stars and Stripes fell away from the bronze effigy of the man who has voiced most distinctly the spirit of Democracy, the statue, bright in brilliant floods of light played upon it from a battery of lamps, borrowed from the night a charm the sun is powerless to lend.

The ceremony of unveiling followed upon a dinner served to 500 Lincolnians in the restaurant building, at which addresses had been made reviewing the record of the Lincoln Motor Company and voicing anew the reverence in which Lincoln the man is held among us.

"Without the Liberty motor the war could not have been won," declared Dr. Hillis in his speech of the evening, basing his assertion

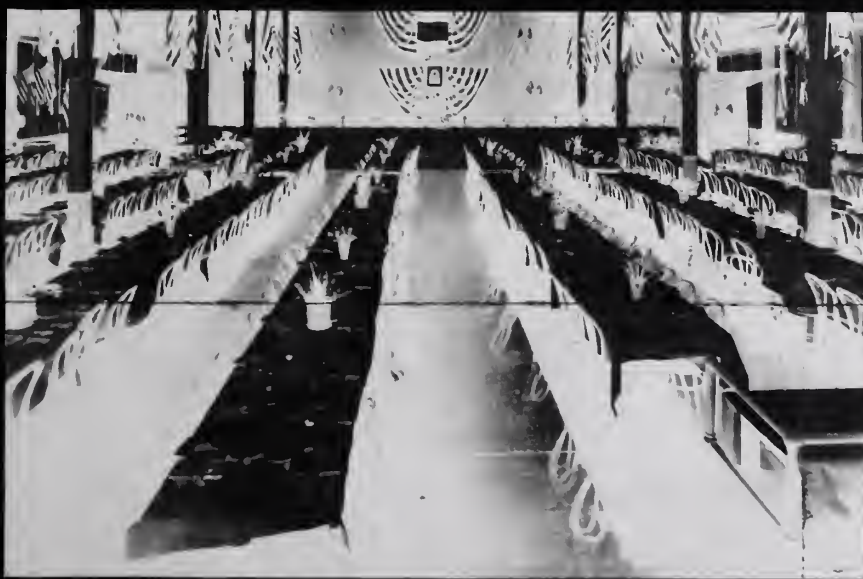
on the statement of Allied generals—"Victories are won by the eye of the army; and the eyes of a victorious army are its airplanes." History, he said, must write the names of the Lincoln Motor Company and of the Lelands in letters of gold for winning the war for the world. The great German drives of last year succeeded, he said, only because a prolonged fog had kept the British and French planes out of the air, leaving the Allied armies blind and enabling the Germans to mass their men unobserved.

He insisted that these are the greatest days of the whole war, that Germany has prepared for peace more carefully even than she did for war, and has done the job so thoroughly that even though she accepts the "fourteen points" she will win ninety per cent of her aims in the war. He insisted upon the necessity of a fifteenth point which should force Germany to loosen her financial and economic grip on the natural resources of Europe and Asia.

In closing he reviewed the life of Lincoln, and set it in contrast with that of Washington, the other great leader of American life. He emphasized the scantiness of the facilities available to Lincoln for training himself, and dwelled upon the greatness of his achievements in the

face of such great obstacles. But his most effective training, Dr. Hillis declared, came from the two greatest teachers of man—work and sorrow.

In beginning his remarks as toastmaster, Mr. Wilfred C. Leland read a telegram of greeting and congratulation from Mr. Henry M. Leland. He then proceeded to sketch the accomplishments of the Lincoln Motor





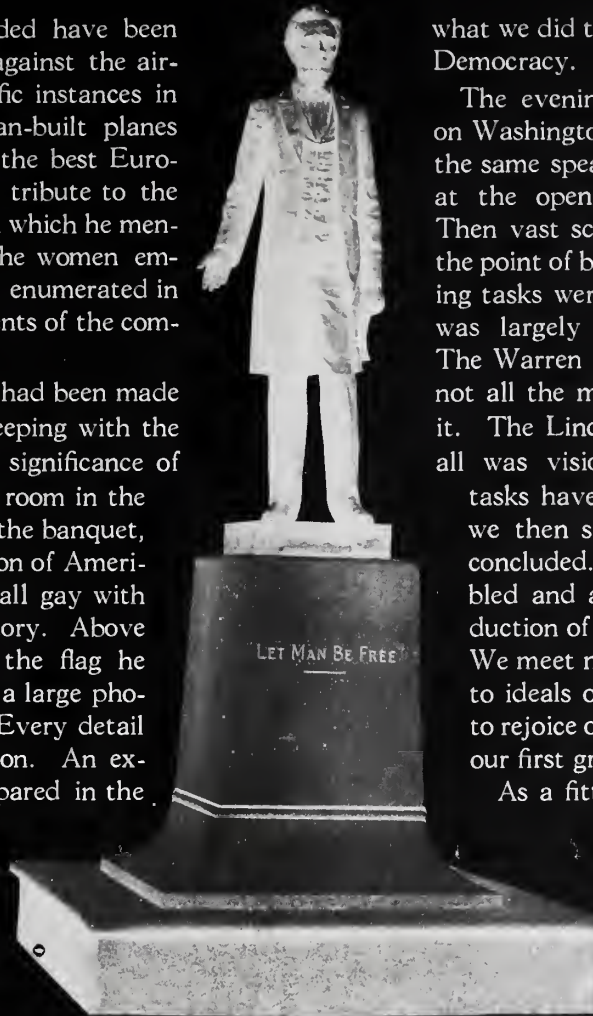


## THE LINCOLNIAN

Company, showed how unfounded have been most of the criticisms directed against the aircraft program, and told of specific instances in which Liberty-motored, American-built planes had proved themselves against the best European aircraft. He closed with a tribute to the workmen of the Lincoln plants in which he mentioned especially the work of the women employees. Le Roi J. Williams also enumerated in detail some of the accomplishments of the company.

Arrangements for this evening had been made with a care and on a scale in keeping with the record of the company and the significance of the event. The women's dining room in the restaurant building, the scene of the banquet, had been transformed. A profusion of American and Allied flags made the hall gay with color and significant of recent history. Above the speaker's table, framed by the flag he devoted himself to preserve, was a large photograph of Abraham Lincoln. Every detail of the plans worked with precision. An excellent repast of five courses prepared in the kitchen of the restaurant building by the regular staff of Lincolnians, was served quietly and with dispatch. Music was provided throughout the dinner. The evening combined an observance of Lincoln's birthday, of the opening of the Warren avenue plant, of the completion of the first Lincoln-built Liberty motor. It signaled, too, the appearance in our city of its first visible reminder of this one of America's national leaders.

The reception room and the Lincoln Room were especially fitted to receive our guests of the evening, and some little time was spent in inspecting the treasures of the Lincoln Room. The features of the decorations were two Liberty motors, one in parts on an assembly rack, the other completely assembled, which one of the speakers declared to be the most perfect Liberty motor ever built. Every part is hand finished, the aluminum casings are buffed to a resemblance of gray silver, the steel parts are nicked. One of these, fully assembled as the motors left the Lincoln plants for the battle fronts, is to be a permanent addition to the Lincoln Room, where it will remain as a handsome memorial of the contribution of these Lincoln plants to the world war, a replica of



what we did to help in making the world safe for Democracy.

The evening was reminiscent of the banquet on Washington's birthday one year ago, at which the same speaker had addressed the Lincolnians at the opening of the Warren avenue plant. Then vast schemes of patriotic service were on the point of being worked out. Great and exacting tasks were before us and our meeting then was largely for inspiration for those tasks. The Warren avenue plant was then so new that not all the machinery had yet been installed in it. The Lincoln organization was small. Then all was vision; now all is fact. Now those tasks have been gloriously finished. The war we then set ourselves for winning has been concluded. The plant was completely assembled and a record-breaking pace in the production of Liberty motors has been attained. We meet now to give our pledge of dedication to ideals of democratic, patriotic service, and to rejoice on the successful termination of this, our first great task.

As a fitting souvenir of the evening, Mr.

W. C. Leland distributed photographic reproductions of an ambrotype of Lincoln made at Cooper Institute in New York City on the afternoon of February 27, 1860, a few hours before the delivery of the famous Cooper Union Speech. This is

a likeness of Lincoln seldom seen by the public; it catches so exactly the spiritual aspect of his face that it was treasured by his family, and at the death of Mrs. Lincoln presented to Dr. Gurley, the pastor of the Lincoln family. It was found a few years ago in a second-hand store in Boston by a Chicago collector, from whom it was purchased by Mr. Leland.

Prominent among the guests of the evening was the donor of the statue, Mr. William H. Mullins, president of the Wm. H. Mullins Company of Salem, Ohio. When the name of the Lincoln Motor Company was chosen, Mr. Mullins, who has been a business associate and close personal friend of Mr. Henry M. Leland for several years, immediately promised to present a statue of Lincoln to the company. It was turned out by Mr. John Segersman of the Mullins Company. Mr. Mullins spoke briefly in praise of Mr. Leland, dwelling upon the fairness and sincerity that has characterized all his dealings.





## LINCOLN MOTOR CO S LINCOLN MEMORIAL

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LINCOLN MOTOR COMPANY  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

LINCOLN NATIONAL  
MAIL DEPARTMENT

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September 25, 1929.

LIFE INSURANCE CO.

DIVISION OF  
FORD MOTOR COMPANY

The Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Gentlemen:

Since receiving your letter inquiring about the heroic bronze statue of Lincoln which adorns the lawn in front of our Plant we have made repeated efforts to ascertain who the sculptor was but without success. This information is not in our records nor in the memory of old employees.

The statue was made by the W. H. Mullins Company of Salem, Ohio, but they did not reply to our letter asking the information. It was erected about 1917-1918.

We, however, enclose a picture of the statue which may be of help to you. At the Lincoln Plant here we have what we call our "Lincoln Room" which among other things contains about twenty pictures of Lincoln at various ages. This room is right off of our Lobby and always open to the public.

Yours very truly,

FORD MOTOR COMPANY  
(Lincoln Division)

*R. A. Liefeld.*  
R. A. Liefeld

RAL/CFH

Superintendent's Office.





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LIBRARIAN

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DETROIT, MICH.

DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS  
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July 30, 1930

Miss Ethel Henneford,  
The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Miss Henneford,

The statue of Lincoln placed in front of the Lincoln Motor Company's factory is a replica of the St. Gaudens Lincoln. If you will communicate with Mr. W. C. Leland, 2230 Dime Bank Building, Detroit, he will be able to give you complete information about the statue.

"Lincoln Lore" will be a very acceptable addition to the Library's information on the subject of Lincoln. Please address this publication to the Order Department, Detroit Public Library.

Yours very truly,

*Lucille B. Seed*

Fine Arts Librarian

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WILFRED C. LELAND  
2230 DIME BANK BLDG.  
DETROIT

August 4, 1930.

Miss Ethel Henneford,  
Assistant Director,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Madam,-

In Mr. Leland's absence we beg to acknowledge receipt of your inquiry of the 31st ult. regarding the Lincoln statue which was presented to Mr. Henry M. Leland and which stands in front of the Lincoln Motor plant. In as much as both of the Messrs. Leland are away we would suggest that you communicate direct with Mr. C. C. Gibson of the Mullins Company, Salem, Ohio, who will, we feel sure, give you every assistance in this matter. The Statue was the gift of the Mullins Company to Mr. Leland personally.

Very truly yours,

*M. F. Schmalfuss*  
Secretary to Mr. Leland





July 21, 1932

Mr. C. C. Gibson  
The Mullins Company  
Salon, Ohio

My dear Mr. Gibson:

We have had some correspondence before with your company about the Lincoln bronze statue which the Mullins Company presented to Mr. Henry M. Leland some years ago. This statue stands before the Lincoln Motor plant in Detroit.

We have now ready for the press a brochure on all the heroic bronze statues of Lincoln in America and we are anxious to have our information absolutely correct.

We have been advised that the Lincoln statue at Detroit is an exact replica of the St. Gaudens in Lincoln Park, Chicago; could you advise us whether or not this is true?

If you could determine without any great difficulty and inconvenience on your part the other heroic bronze statues of Lincoln which you have made and their location, it would assist us very much in making our study on this subject complete.

We appreciate very much your assistance in sending us data on other statues and we hope we are not asking too much in requesting this added information.

Very sincerely yours,

Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

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July 21, 1932

Mr. W. C. Leland  
2230 Dime Bank Building  
Detroit, Michigan

My dear Mr. Leland:

We are about ready to bring from the press a brochure on Lincoln statues in America and we are anxious to have the correct information about the one in Detroit which was presented to your father.

We are wondering if you could supply us with a photograph of this statue, which we would like very much to use in our brochure; also give us what information you have about the sculptor and whether or not it is, as we have heard, an exact replica of the St. Gaudens work.

Inasmuch as our brochure is about ready to go to press we would appreciate a very early reply.

Very sincerely yours,

Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

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WILFRED C. LELAND  
2138 DIME BANK BLDG.  
DETROIT

October 5, 1932

Mr. Louis A. Warren,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation,  
Lincoln National Life Insurance Company,  
Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Sir:-

Please accept my sincere apology for the long delay which has occurred in replying to your letter of July 21st, making inquiry relative to the statue of Lincoln which was erected on February 13, 1919, in Detroit. Three factors have contributed to this delay:

1. Absence from the city for a portion of the period.
2. Pressure of business matters, the attention to which could not be delayed.
3. Illness which confined me to the bed for several days.

I deeply regret the delay which has occurred, and am sending you herewith the article which appeared in the February, 1919, issue of the Lincolnian giving a description of the ceremony of the unveiling of this Statue, and containing an illustration of this Statue taken from a photograph. The Statue of Abraham Lincoln is 7 ft. in height. The sculptor was Alfonzo Pelzer.

A number of years ago the Mullins Body Corporation, of Salem, Ohio, were among the foremost producers of high-grade art work in the way of statuary. They produced the large group on the Wayne County Court House, in Detroit; the Statue of Diana on Madison Square Gardens; the group on the New York Life Building in New York City, and many other works of National prominence.

Alfonzo Pelzer was the sculptor. He produced the statuary mentioned herein, and many other pieces. He died in 1904. The original of the Statue which was erected in Detroit, was made by the Mullins Body Corporation for a monument erected at Lincoln, N. J.

Mr. Mullins was a great admirer of my father, Mr. Henry M. Leland, and was deeply impressed with the contribution which Father made to the civic and industrial life of Detroit. As an expression of his esteem he presented to Mr. Henry M. Leland personally the Statue which was erected on the grounds of the Lincoln Motor Company, as a monument to the services rendered by that Company during the period of the World War.

It is interesting to know that this is not a cast bronze statue, but is copper bronze, produced by the special



Mr. Louis A. Warren  
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stamping process developed by the Mullins Body Corporation.

If you desire additional data in this connection  
we shall esteem it a pleasure to procure same for you.

Very truly yours,

*Wilfred C. Keland*

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October 8, 1962

Wilfred C. Leland  
2132 Dime Bank Bldg.  
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Mr. Leland:

Dr. Warren has instructed me to thank you for the information concerning the Alphonzo Pelzer statue of Lincoln in Detroit. Upon the publication of our booklet we shall be glad to send you one which will, no doubt, contain a short sketch of your statue.

I am also requested to inquire about a copy of a Lincoln catalogue which Dr. Warren lent you upon your visit here. If you have finished with it, we should like to have it in order to forward it to the party who purchased all of our duplicates and who is the real owner of the catalogue now.

We hope you may be able to pay us another visit at some time.

Yours sincerely,

Ethel Henneford  
Assistant Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

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# PACKARD MOTOR CAR COMPANY

DETROIT MICHIGAN

October 15, 1934

Doctor Louis A. Warren  
The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Doctor Warren:

There are two similar bronze statues of Abraham Lincoln situated respectively in front of the Administration Building of the Lincoln Motor Car Company, Detroit and in front of the Court House at Jefferson City, Iowa.

I am endeavoring to obtain some historical information relative to these statues which I believe are copies of an original St. Gaudens.

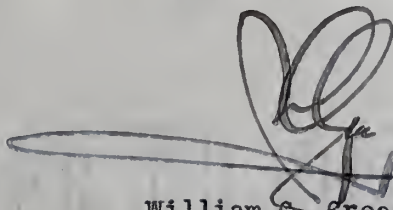
We have taken this matter up with the Lincoln Motor Car Company and they have referred me to you as an authority on Lincoln Lore.

Any information you can give me relative to the origin of the original statue and the occasion for the production of the original or duplicates, it will be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you for your kind attention, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

PACKARD MOTOR CAR COMPANY



William C. Greany  
General Sales Department





*Lincoln Statue*

October 17, 1934

Mr. William C. Greany  
General Sales Dept.  
Packard Motor Car Co.  
Detroit, Mich.

My dear Mr. Greany:

The statue of Abraham Lincoln in front of the Lincoln Motor Car Company, Detroit was the work of a sculptor by the name of Alfonso Felser. It was presented to Mr. Henry M. Leland of The Lincoln Motor Company by the Mullins Body Corporation, of Salem, Ohio.

The Company is now known as the Mullins Manufacturing Company.

It is a facsimile of a Lincoln statue erected at Lincoln, New Jersey.

The Detroit statue was dedicated on February 13, 1919. Another facsimile of the statue is to be found at Boise, Idaho.

The statue which you mention in front of the Court House at Jefferson City, Iowa is by Hastings, a facsimile of one erected at Cincinnati.

If further information about this work is desired, we would be pleased to submit photostats of letters referring to it if they would be of any help to you.

Very truly yours,

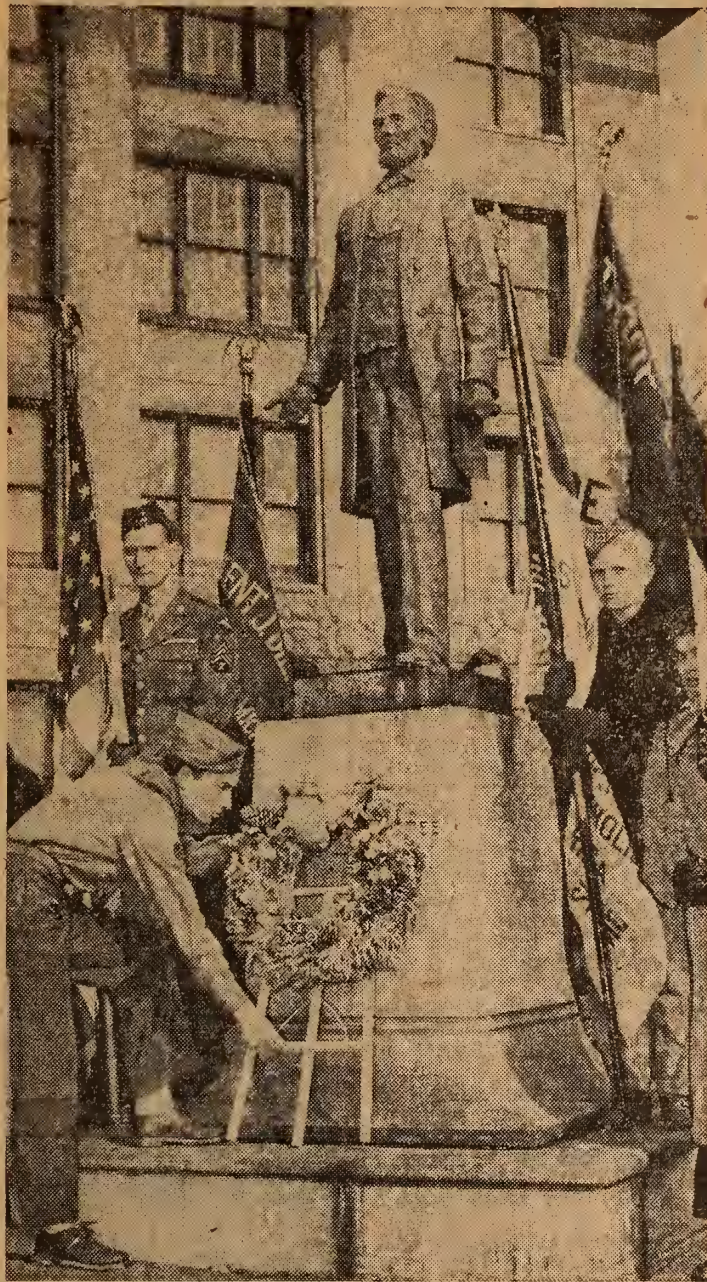
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Director  
Lincoln National Life Foundation





## *Detroit Scouts Honor Lincoln*



Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and the juniors of their organizations, Cubs and Brownies, honored Abraham Lincoln Saturday by placing a birthday wreath at the foot of the statue in front of the Lincoln-Mercury division of the Ford Motor Co., Warren and Livernois avenues. The wreath was laid by Life Scout William Stephan, 16, of Troop 321.—News Photo.





# Honest, Abe is up on his feet again

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**BACK ON THE JOB** — Patrolman Robert Nill appraises the statue of Abraham Lincoln, returned once again to its lofty site outside the Detroit Public Library's downtown branch. Nill is on the job, too, in case anyone tries to commit a little vandalism again on the statue.

They had to take Honest Abe's head off to put him back on the pedestal, but back on the pedestal he is.

This is the statue of Abraham Lincoln that once again is standing at the Detroit Public Library's downtown branch behind the J. L. Hudson Co.

You may remember that last Aug. 12 vandals pulled down the copper figure, snap-

ping off the feet at the pedestal.

There was the great Civil War president, lying footless on the ground.

Under the direction of Robert Gross, the library's superintendent of buildings, people set to work putting Abe back together again.

In the process, they took off the head to reinforce the body of the statue with steel piping so it can't — hopefully — be knocked, pulled or pushed down again.

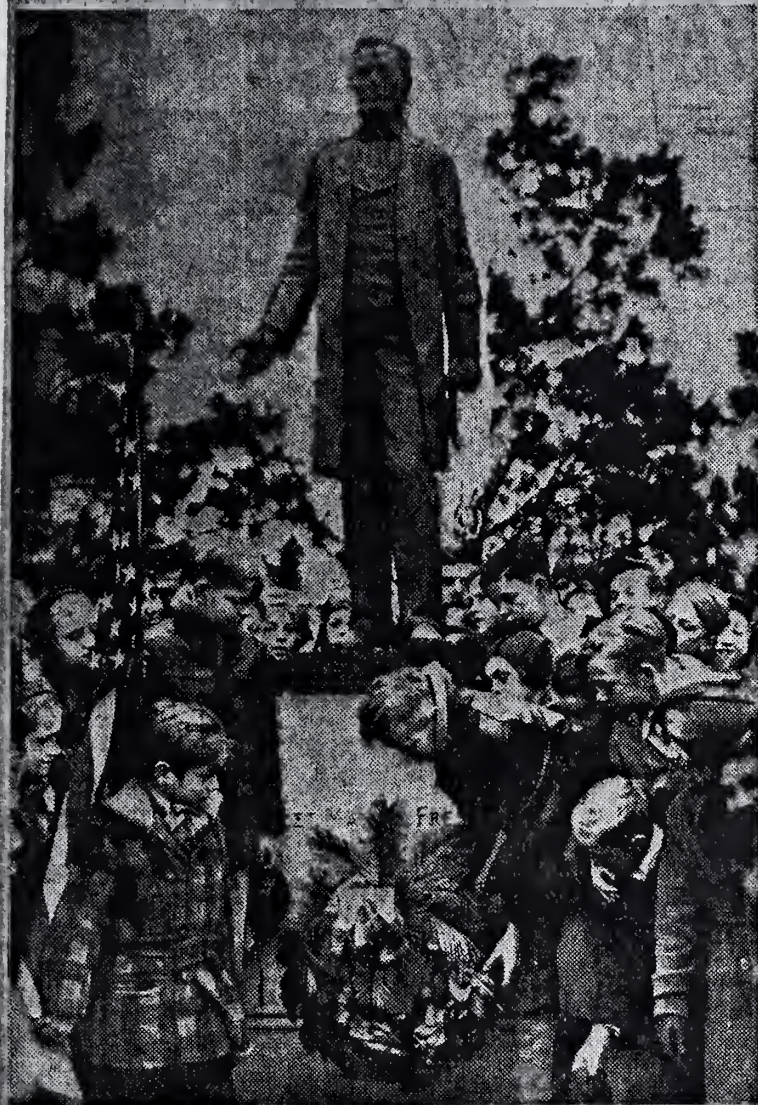
Then they welded the head and feet back on.

Abe's standing there in Library Park, as sturdy a figure as ever.





## Annual Tribute Paid to Lincoln



—By News Staff Photographer.

ONE hundred and fifty pupils of the sixth and seventh grades of the Charles Hanneman School today performed their schools' annual ceremony in commemoration of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. Donald Tamson, of the seventh grade, placed a wreath at the foot of the Lincoln statue which stands before the administration building of the Lincoln Motor Car Co., at Livernois and Warren avenues. Miss Josephine Kruszewski and Miss Mary White, teachers in the school auditorium, were in charge of the program, which included the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner," the pledge to the flag, tributes to Lincoln by famous Americans, quotations from Lincoln's speeches, "America," Lincoln's Gettysburg address, "Abraham Lincoln," a poem, and "Speed Our Republic," a song.





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